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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-13, 15-21, 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 and 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/23/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 15-17, 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanker (5,075,673).

Regarding claim 1, Yanker discloses an image panning system showing a user configurable world-plane image 30 and a view port 48 (col. 2, lines 60-63), which meet the establishing step as claimed, a world plane memory 22, which meets the storing step as claimed, a viewpoint memory 20, which meets the prefetching step as claimed, and an ALU 10, which meets the fetching step as claimed.

Regarding claim 2, the world plane image is a video frame.

Regarding claim 6, the world plane image memory and the viewport memory in Yanker can be decoupled or coupled with each other with the control of the ALU 10.

Regarding claims 15-17, 21, see similar rejections as set forth above.

Regarding claims 10 and 25, the world plane memory and the viewport memory are inherently optimized in Yanker so that the cycle time is reduced.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3-5, 11-13, 18-20, 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanker (5,075,673).

Regarding claims 3-5, 11-13, 18-20, 26-28, Yanker does not specify the window size, the sampling window size, and the fixed number of pixels as claimed. In any event, Yanker teaches that the sizes of the world plane image and the viewport image can be configured into different desired sized (col. 2, lines 60-63). Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to configure the world plane image and the viewport image into any size as desired. It would have considered an obvious design choice.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 14 is allowed.
6. Claims 7-9, 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Prior art does not specify the pixels that are addressed according to distance parameters defined relative to a current pixels as recited in claims 7, 9, 14, 22, and 24.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Searby (4,485,402) shows an input buffer and an output buffer.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number is 703-305-4743. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached on 703-305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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